

**Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
Government and Community Relations Committee
December 1, 2003**

The Government and Community Relations Committee of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board met in regular session at the Alcohol and Drug Services Administrative office on Jermantown Road, Suite 100, Fairfax.

Committee members present: Jessica Burmester, Charles Fletcher, Anngie Johnson, Ben Pepper, Dave Redman

CSB staff present: Jim Thur, Ruth Gerbec

1. **Meeting Called to Order**
Anngie Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. **Approval of November 10 Minutes**
The minutes were approved with no changes.
3. **Action Item Status Review**
Ruth reviewed the Action Tracking System.
 - CSB Video – ready in December
 - Handbook – will be incorporated in CSB Member Handbook, but will have separate section and will be easy to “take with you” to meetings.
ACTION: Ruth will complete compiling materials
 - No Va. Roundtable
ACTION: Dave Redman and Jim Thur to follow-up with Jim Dyke for CSB presentation
 - Federation of Civic Assns. –
ACTION: Dave Redman will contact Herb Taylor to find out about contacts for the Federation. Charles Fletch and Ben Pepper will also work on this.
 - Federation of Civic Assns. – Ruth Gerbec had contacted the President of the Assoc., Carol Hawn and gave her CSB brochures and Speakers Bureau brochures to be given out at the Fall meeting.
ACTION: Ruth will follow-up with Carol Hawn
4. **Government Relations**
 - A. **Local Level**
Anngie has requested Board members to send congratulatory notes to the BOS , City Councils and Town Councils and remind them of Dec. 5 Coalition Legislative Breakfast; and to make appts. to distribute and discuss the VACSB booklet. Board members should email Ruth Gerbec when they have completed the visits.

Ruth distributed copies of the draft Fairfax County Legislative Program for the 2004 Virginia General Assembly as an information item. The BOS will approve the Program on Dec. 8.

Dave Redman reported that he recently participated on a panel to discuss the role of boards, authorities and commissions on the subject of educating elected officials on vital issues. The panel and meeting were sponsored and organized by the League of Women Voters – Fairfax. Dave thanked Renee Alberts and Ruth Gerbec for arranging this.

Anngie brought up the idea of CSB tours for elected officials. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

B. State Level

Anngie requested Board members to send congratulatory notes to the elected State Senators and Delegates and also remind them of the Dec. 5 Coalition Legislative Breakfast; and to make appts. to distribute and discuss the VACSB booklet. Board members should contact Ruth Gerbec after they have completed their visits.

The State Money Committees public hearing in Northern Virginia will be on Tues., Jan. 6 at noon in Woodbridge. Committees will need to identify who will speak at the hearing.

The Fairfax Delegation public hearing will be on Sat., Jan. 10 at the Fairfax County Government Center Board auditorium. Committees will need to identify who will speak at this hearing.

The VACSB Legislative Conference will be in Richmond on January 20 – 21. The Coalition for Mentally Disabled Citizens of Virginia will have its annual rally in Richmond on January 19.

Ruth distributed the draft letter to the Governor from the Board chair of the Board's support of the VACSB budget request. The letter also included specific Fairfax-Falls Church CSB budget information.

5. Adjournment

Chairman Anngie Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.